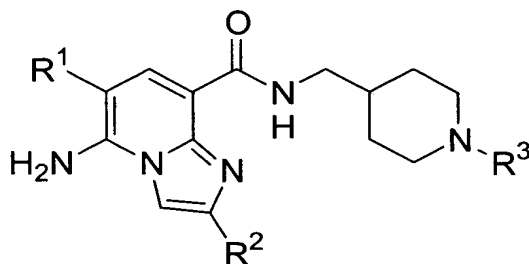


**ABSTRACT**

This invention provides a compound of the formula (I):



(I)

- 5 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein  
R<sup>1</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom;  
R<sup>2</sup> represents a methyl group or an ethyl group;  
R<sup>3</sup> represents a branched alkyl group having from 3 to 6 carbon atoms or an alkyl  
group having from 3 to 6 carbon atoms substituted by an alkoxy group having from  
10 1 to 6 carbon atoms;  
with the proviso that when the terminal carbon atom of said alkyl group of R<sup>3</sup> is  
substituted by said alkoxy group, said alkyl group is a branched alkyl group.

These compounds have 5-HT<sub>4</sub> receptor binding activity, and thus are useful  
for the treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease, non-ulcer dyspepsia, functional  
15 dyspepsia, irritable bowel syndrome or the like in mammalian, especially humans.  
This invention also provides a pharmaceutical composition comprising the above  
compound.